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(From Southern Sentinel.)

A postmaster at a certain office not many miles from Urbana complained to us a few days ago that papers to which he subscribed and paid for were frequently a day or two late in reaching him, and when they did come they bore unmistakable evidence of having been opened and read on the way, consequently this particular postmaster felt that he had a grievance against his brother postmaster somewhere, and for the good of himself and the public generally he suggested that the *Sentinel* should speak out against a practice so palpably unjust to the publisher and his patrons. Now, it is a fact that often, upon soliciting subscribers to the *Sentinel*, we have been told: "I am postmaster at — and see the *Sentinel* any how, so there is no use in my subscribing." In such cases we have always preferred to believe that the postmaster in question read the paper of some friend by special agreement, and not that he read promiscuously the papers which went to his office, taking any one he saw fit from the office, and, perhaps, sending it home for the family to read. The government does not clothe its agents with the right to appropriate to their own use the property of the public, and would doubtless make it warm for any of them who were caught in the act. There is no criminal intent on the part of any postmaster who indulges in this practice, but it is a serious offence, notwithstanding, and one which postmasters generally should discontinue. In conclusion, we would respectfully request that any postmaster who cares to read the *Sentinel*, but is not able to subscribe, instead of taking out and reading papers to which other people subscribe and pay for, send us his name and address so that we can enter him upon our free list.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In many cities combinations are forming to put up the price of ice this summer—probably to double the selling price.

There are six Baptist churches within a radius of six or seven miles of Montross, Westmoreland county, and all except one have no pastor.

The finest battleship in the United States navy will bear the name Virginia. This splendid ship is to be launched at Newport News on April 5th.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina has decided that in local option territory it is a violation of law for public carriers to convey jugs or packages of liquor.

Three U. S. Soldiers died exulting deaths from getting drunk on wood alcohol. Chemist say wood alcohol is used in a good many cheap liquors, principally sold by "blind tigers."

Virginia "insurgent" J. O. U. A. M's are rejoicing that New Jersey's Supreme Court has decided for the so-called "insurgents" in that State. The Virginia Courts have not rendered a decision yet.

Congressman Bourke Cockran, of New York, says at present the United States is a "moral suspect" among the nations. He believes Cleveland is the man needed to reinstate us in the good opinion of the rest of the world.

Commercial failures in January, as reported by R. G. Dunn & Co., reached over eighteen millions in liabilities. The liabilities for four months ran over \$72,000,000, and those of January were nearly 50 per cent. greater than in the corresponding month of 1903. During February there were 1,003 failures, \$15,812,553, compared with 1,030 failures in February 1903 aggregating only \$10,807,454.

ANENT A BUSINESS SCHOOL. About ten days ago we read an interesting letter in the VIRGINIA CITIZEN from S. Roland Hall, of Scranton, Pa., asking the question if the people of the Northern Neck deemed it a wise thing to establish a business academy somewhere in the Northern Neck. Mr. Hall is a native of the Northern Neck and a man of high business and intellectual attainment, and we trust that his suggestion, that a business school be operated in some village in the Northern Neck, will meet with abundant success. Why not locate such an institution at Montross? It lies midway between the Rappahannock

and the Potomac and Fredericksburg and the Chesapeake bay. It has good mail facilities, its citizens are friendly and courteous, always ready and willing to further a good move and to patronize home enterprise. The village is exceedingly quiet; no drunken or disorderly persons are ever seen on the streets. In point of health this village is second to none in the Northern Neck, and most especially the county of Westmoreland. It would be a great step in the scale of progress for Westmoreland county to establish at her county seat a business academy. Let us hear from others on the question.—*Platonicus, in N. Y. News.*

AFRO-AMERICAN NOTES. Mrs. Hannah Parks, of Baltimore, was called from that city recently by the death of her sister, Mrs. Rosa Lewis, of Tomb.

Jesus Parks was called to Richmond recently by the sickness of his daughter Eolene, who is attending school in that city. He found her much improved. His son, Cyrenus, accompanied him. Edmund Gaskins, of Tomb, has purchased the fine horse, Abdelis, from Mr. Joe Ashburn, of Weems.

Among the sick this week we note, A. H. Campbell, J. A. Green, Charlie Edmonds, Isaac Parks, Sadie Parks, Thornton Fisher, W. M. Jones, Reuben Jackson, J. B. Ball and Jo. Taylor, all of Tomb, Jno. Tunkin, of White Stone, Mrs. M. C. Tucker, of White Stone, is out after two weeks' sickness.

Mrs. Pauline Morris is yet quite sick at her home near White Stone. J. L. Ryan, of Tomb, is also sick.

Rev. D. Tucker gave a temperance lecture at Mt. Vernon church Thursday night of last week, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd present.

W. A. Weaver, A. Smith, Rev. D. Fields, Malinda Warring and J. H. Warring were visiting at the home of D. Smith recently.

Our people are very busy getting ready for early trucks, etc.

Mrs. Jane Johnson, near Litwiltown, is very sick. Mrs. D. Smith is also on the sick list. Geo. Ball is recovering from a slight spell.

Misses Lizzie Ball and Grace Tomblin, of Alfonso, left last week for Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Norris, of Alfonso, were recent visitors to the lady's mother, Rev. D. Fields has accepted the pastoral care of Beulah Baptist church, near Litwiltown. He will take charge of it in the near future.

Mrs. Ann Jackson, living at Boer, is very sick at this writing, while the writer is clad to be out again.

George Ball temporarily recovered and removed from Boer back to his home near Nottsville. He is now very sick again with grip.

W. A. Weaver has returned after a pleasant trip to Baltimore.

Mrs. Julia Conaway was visiting friends in Nottsville recently. Mrs. Lucy Curry was also a pleasant caller at the home of Mrs. Lucy Roane. A. Smith spent Friday of week before last with his mother, near Nottsville.

Miss Mabel Watts arrived home recently after several years' stay in Philadelphia, and Miss Blawie Weaver, who has been employed by Mr. R. S. Mitchell, at Irvington Beach, is at home for a short stay with her parents, near Nottsville.

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